



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Docket No.: DIMBATH

In re Application of:)
WOLFGANG DIMBATH)
Appl. No.: 10/697,759)
Filed: October 30, 2003)
For: CARRYING BAG FOR A BRASS INSTRUMENT)

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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SIR:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the following references A) to E). Applicant does not admit that any of the cited documents constitutes prior art against the pending application.

Country:	Patent or Appl. No:	Patentee or Applicant:	Issue or Filing Date:
A) USA	4,427,113	Wanner	01-24-1984
B) USA	4,738,180	McKnight	04-19-1088
C) Germany	298 15 101 U1	Dimbath	07-06-2000
D) Germany	G 94 03 042.1	Schöler & Micke	06-01-1994
E) Germany	200 21 141 U1	GEWA Musikinst.	04-19-2001

Copies of the German references are submitted herewith along with form PTO-1449. The Examiner is requested to initial the attached form PTO-1449 and to return a copy of the initialed document to the undersigned as an indication that the attached references have been considered and made of record.

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed within three months of the filing date of a national application other than a continued prosecution application under 1.53(d), so that no fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.97 is due.

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- [] The undersigned submits the following statement requesting consideration of this statement:

The undersigned hereby states:

- [] That each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement;
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In order to satisfy the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3) for a concise explanation of the relevance of each item of information, applicant herewith notes with respect to any information that is not in English language as follows:

Reference C) describes a reusable cover for a wind instrument including an approximately trapezoidal base surface or a base surface widening approximately in a trumpet shape. The length of the base surface corresponds approximately to the length of the wind instrument. The cover also has a semicircular front surface with a straight bottom edge which at the same time forms a front edge of the trapezoidal or trumpet-shaped base surface.

Reference D describes a carrying bag made of flexible material and including a detachable inset of dimensionally stable material, with the walls of the bag being reinforced by the inset.

Reference E) describes a bag for a music instrument with a padding provided in at least one bad wall. Provided adjacent to the padding is a flexible layer of impact-resistant material.

The above-identified application discloses and claims an invention patentable over this prior art.

Entry of the references above set forth into the file of the above application

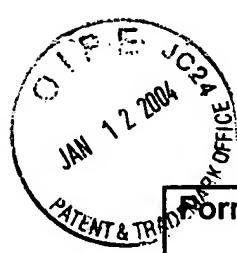
is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted

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